

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

In response to the Office Action of August 2, 2007, and the Advisory Action of December 28, 2007, advising the nonentry of the proposed amendments of December 3, 2007, Applicants submit amended claims 27, 30, 32, and 40 with this supplemental response.

Claims 27, 30, 32 and 40 are currently pending and under examination. Claims 27 and 40 have been amended to place them in independent form. Claim 30 has been amended to depend from claim 27. Claim 32 has been amended to correct minor informalities. The amendments to the claims do not introduce prohibited new matter.

In this supplemental response, claims 1-26, 28, 29, 31, 33-39, and 41-75 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 27, 30, 32, and 40 are objected to for minor informalities and for depending upon a rejected base claim. Otherwise, these claims are allowable. Claims 27 and 40 have been amended and are now independent of rejected claims, and claims 30 and 32 have been amended and are directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 27. Accordingly, claims 27, 30, 32, and 40, as they stand, are allowable.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

A. Claims 25, 28, 29, 38, 39, and 41-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as lacking adequate written description in the specification.

Claims 25, 28, 29, 38, 39, and 41-48 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

B. Claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 33-39, and 41-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as lacking enablement for the scope of the claims.

Claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 33-39, and 41-48 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 33-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Uchida *et al.*

Claims 33-36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter

claimed therein.

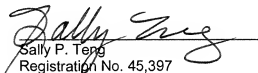
Conclusion

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. A favorable action is awaited. Should an interview be helpful to further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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